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STATE OF HAWAII, by its Office of Consumer Protection,	of ) )	CIVIL NO (Other Civil Act	tion)	
Plaintiff,	)	COMPLAINT AI	ND SUMMONS	
VS.	)			
INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES, a Hawaii corporation,		Trial Date: No		
Defendan	t. ) )			

#### **COMPLAINT**

Plaintiff, for a cause of action against the above-named defendant, avers and alleges that:

## **ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS**

1. This is an action brought by the Office of Consumer Protection of the State of Hawaii pursuant to Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chapters 446E, 480 and 487 seeking to

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 This is an action brought by the Office of Consumer Protection of the State of Hawaii pursuant to Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chapters 446E, 480 and 487 seeking to enjoin the Defendant from engaging in certain acts or practices in violation of Hawaii's consumer protection laws and to obtain other and additional relief.

- 2. This court has subject matter jurisdiction over this case pursuant to Hawaii Rev. Stat. §§ 480-21 and 603-21.5.
- 3. Defendant International University of Professional Studies ("IUPS") is a Hawaii corporation.
- 4. IUPS is not now and never has been accredited by a recognized accrediting agency or association recognized by the United States Secretary of Education.
- 5. IUPS is an "unaccredited institution" as that phrase is defined in Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-1.
- 6. IUPS has a "presence" in the State of Hawaii as that term is used in Haw. Rev. Stat. §446E-1.

## COUNT I SUGGESTIONS OF STATE LICENSING, APPROVAL OR REGULATION

- 7. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs1 through 6 as though fully set forth herein.
- 8. IUPS has in its promotional materials, specifically its website, indicated or suggested that the State of Hawaii licenses, approves of or regulates its operations in violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. §446E-5(a).
- 9. The publication of each and every promotional material that indicated or suggested that the State of Hawaii licenses, approves of or regulates its operations constitutes a separate and independent violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-2(a).

- 10. Alternatively, the number of days that each and every promotional material that indicated or suggested that the State of Hawaii licenses, approves of or regulates its operations was viewable by the public constitutes a separate and independent violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-2(a).
- 11. Alternatively, each student that enrolled as a result of each and every promotional material that indicated or suggested that the State of Hawaii licenses, approves of or regulates its operations constitutes a separate and independent violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-2(a).
- 12. Violations of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-5(a) constitute *per se* violations of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2(a).

# COUNT II ILLEGAL ACCEPTANCE OF PAYMENTS

- 13. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 12 as though fully set forth herein.
- 14. IUPS has accepted or received tuition payments or other fees on behalf of students despite not being in compliance with all of the requirements of Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chap. 446E.
- 15. The acceptance of such payment(s) or fee(s) from each student constitutes a separate and independent violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. §446E-5(e).
- 16. Violations of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 446E-5(e) constitute per se violations of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2(a).

# COUNT III INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

- 17. Plaintiff repeats and realleges the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 16 as though fully set forth herein.
- 18. Unless Defendant is restrained and enjoined by this court from continuing to violate Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chap. 446E and § 480-2(a) in the manner described herein, it will continue to do so, irreparably harming and injuring the consuming public of the State of Hawaii.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff prays that this court:

- Find, order, adjudge and declare that Defendant's conduct, as alleged herein, violates the statutory provisions set forth above.
- 2. Issue a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction and permanent injunction enjoining the defendant, its agents, employees, successors and assigns, directly or indirectly, individually or in concert with others, or through any corporate or other device from any of the following:
  - indicating or suggesting that the State of Hawaii licenses,
     approves of or regulates its operations; and
  - b. failing to comply with Hawaii Rev. Stat. Chap. 446E or §480-2(a) in any other particulars.
- 3. Assess appropriate civil penalties against the defendant pursuant to Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-3.1 and enter judgment in favor of plaintiff accordingly.
- 4. Award any consumers injured by the aforementioned violations full restitution, including pre and post judgment interest, against the defendant pursuant

to Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 487-14 and the court's inherent authority and enter judgment accordingly.

- 5. Assess and award judgment in favor of plaintiff and against the defendant, for attorneys' fees, costs, costs of investigation, interest, and other expenses.
- 6. Award plaintiff such other relief as the court may deem just and equitable under the circumstances.

DATED:	Honolulu,	Hawaii, _		,	, 2002.
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- 5. Assess and award judgment in favor of plaintiff and against the defendant, for attorneys' fees, costs, costs of investigation, interest, and other expenses.
- 6. Award plaintiff such other relief as the court may deem just and equitable under the circumstances.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawaii, <u>August 21</u>, 2002.

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